Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1993-94

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	West Bengal :		
1.	Tourist Lodge at Vishnupur	34.21	5.00
2.	Restaurant at Gadiyara	10.85	5.00
3.	Tourist Lodge at Berahampore	21.64	10.50
4.	Tourist Lodge at Jayanti	23.40	11.50
5.	Tourist Lodge at Jangal Mahal	20.88	10.00
6.	Tourist Lodge (Wayside facility) at Pashupati, Darjeeling	24.14	5.00
7.	Travel and Tourist Festival, Calcutta	0.50	0.50
8.	Royal Calcutta Golf Club	31.68	10.00
	TOTAL :	167.30	57.50

Tourist facilities in Arunachal Pradesh

2331. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to improve the tourist facilities in Arunachal Pradesh which has great tourist potential; and

(b) the reasons for which the regular Vayudoot services have been discontinued in Arunachal Pradesh exeept two places?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Central Department of Tourism sanctioned twenty one projects|schemes amounting to Rs 149.86 lakhs for supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in augmenting|creating tourist accommodation facilities in Arunachal Pradesh during the VIIth Plan period, and the periods 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(b) Due to commercial and operational reasons, services from a large number of stations were withdrawn. However, Vayudoot is now flying to two stations in Arunachal Pradesh.

Air India Medical Clinic, Bombay

2332. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the arrangement at the Air India Medical Clinic at Air India Building, Nariman Point, Bombay for procurement of drugs till December, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above arrangement has been changed since December, 1993;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the change and what is present arrangement for procurement of drugs at the above clinic; and

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred on drugs under the present arrangement till 31st March, 1994 and for the corresponding period last year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Stores and Purchase Department in Air India procures drugs against the requisition made by the Medical Clinics. This practice

has been prevalent for a number of years.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During 1992-93, the actual expenditure on procurement of drugs was Rs. 176.52 lakhs. The estimated expenditure on this account in 1993-94 was Rs. 207.46 lakhs.

Agreement with Westland Ltd. and Rolls Royce for repairs and maintenance

2333. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had entered into an agreement with Westland Helicopters Ltd. and Rolls Royce for the acquisition, deployment, utilisation, repairs and maintenance of aircraft etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government finally grounded the Westland helicopters because they were found unreliable; and

(d) if so, how much loss was suffered by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Pawan Hans Limited entered into an agrement with M|s. Westland Helicopters for supply of 21 Westland helicopters, and future product, maintenance and training support at a price of 65 million pounds. The cost of Westland helicopters was covered under an outright grant from the British Government. M/s. Westland also paid a lump sum subsidy of 10 million Pounds.

A contract was entered into with M|s. Rolls Royce for supply of 6 Aero Engines, Modules, test bed, spares and future product, maintenance and training support at a cost of Pounds 5 millon.

(c) As a result of problems faced during operations, the entire fleet of Westland helicopters was finally grounded on 9-2-1991 for reasons of safety and economic viability.

(d) Pawan Hans suffered a loss of Rs. 56.52 crore subsequent to grounding of Westland helicopters during 1991-92 to 1993-94.

Dispute involving Minister's son in Indian Airlines flights

2334. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that son of a Union Cabinet Minister travelled recently in Indian Airlines from Bombay to Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was a dispute involving him and staff on the plane;

(c) whether the identity Card of his father was flashed by him and discloesd that he was the Minister; and

(d) if so, what are the facts of the incident and what action, if any, has been taken against him for falsification of the identiity of the Minister?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) As per the Cabin Crew flight report of IC-183 of 9-7-1994, one passenger occupying seat no. 4-F in 'J' Class was heavily under the influence of liquor. He disclosed his identity by showing a visiting card on which was written 'Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, Minister'. He was passing remarks on the airhostess. During the take-off run, he got up from the seat and started moving towards the front. The cabin attendants tried to stop him and he became very aggressive and wanted to speak to the captain. After some time., the pilot-in-command came in the cabin to pacify him. During the dinner service, the passenger dropped the food